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26 March 1956

MEMORANDUM TO: DEPUTY PROJECT DIRECTOR

SUBJECT : Proposed SOP for Flow of Film

1. Enclosed herewith is a schematic drawing of the proposed film flow from Eastman to Detachment "A" to Eastman to Washington. The basic plan and some of the details are presented in the following paragraphs.

2. Planning Factors

- a. Maximum sortie rate . . . . . 32 sorties per month
- b. Size of film per sortie . . .330 lbs. and 45 cu. ft.,  
approx. average
- c. Initial supply . . . . . Sufficient for 20 days operation,  
approximating 7300 lbs.  
and 1,000 cu. ft.

Date of proposed shipment on or  
about 1 May 1956

- d. Resupply . . . . . Sufficient for 10 days operation  
approximating 3600 lbs. and  
500 cu. ft.

First shipment on or about 10 May  
and every 10 days thereafter.

- e. Normal MATS facilities will be utilized.
- f. Supply shipments will not be escorted.
- g. Exposed film shipments will always be escorted by Project personnel.
- h. Exposed film will be returned twice weekly. Each shipment will approximate 1300 lbs. and 180 cu. ft.
- i. Detachment "A" transport may be by air or motor vehicle.
- j. MATS transport will be by air.

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k. AI transport will be by motor vehicle.

l. Project responsibility is completed upon delivery of prints and developed film to HTAUTOMAT and/or the USAF.

3. Supply Routing

a. Eastman will prepare shipment of outgoing film (tagging, marking, and receipting system to be determined).

b. Project Headquarters, either through Eastman or separately, is responsible for transport of each shipment from Eastman to Dover Air Force Base, Delaware (MATS Terminal). At this point shipment will be turned over to MATS.

c. MATS will provide space from Dover to Burtonwood Air Base, England (MATS Terminal) in accord with designated priority, (to be determined. It has been suggested that Project BUCKSHOT nomenclature and priority be used).

d. Project Headquarters will relay to Detachment "A" Commander flight number, size, and ETA Burtonwood for each shipment.

e. Detachment "A" Commander is responsible for transport of each shipment from Burtonwood to Lakenheath.

4. Return of Exposed Film

a. Detachment "A" Commander is responsible for delivery of shipments to MATS Terminal at Burtonwood and for escort of each shipment from Lakenheath to Dover Air Force Base, Delaware.

b. MATS will provide space from Burtonwood to Dover for each shipment and escort in accord with designated priority.

c. Detachment "A" Commander will relay flight number, size, and ETA Dover of each shipment to Project Headquarters.

d. Project Headquarters will arrange for escort and vehicle to meet each shipment at Dover for transport to Eastman, and will notify Eastman ETA shipment at Eastman.

5. Delivery of Developed Film and Prints

a. Eastman will package the take so that HTAUTOMAT and USAF copies are in separate packages.

b. Project Headquarters will be responsible for transport and escort of take to Washington area.

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(1) The same vehicle and escort which delivers exposed shipments can be scheduled to handle the take shipments on the return trip to Washington.

(2) USAF will be advised that this Headquarters will deliver their take to the Washington area if they so desire, or USAF can make separate arrangements to pick up their take at Eastman.

(3) Project portion of the take will be delivered to HTAUTOMAT.

6. General

a. MATS will provide secure, refrigerated space at each of the primary terminals involved for temporary storage of shipments.

b. MATS will arrange for secure, refrigerated storage of shipments at any alternate base of landing.

(NOTE: Specific instructions in this regard should be attached to each shipment and in the possession of each escort.)

7. Request concurrence in this proposed plan prior to preparation of a detailed manual establishing procedures.

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Colonel, USAF

Incl.: Chart (Orig. only)

COORDINATED BY:

Material

Security

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Admin

Contract

PES/DCI/C/SAF/am

Dist.: 3 + cy - addressees

Cy #3 - Material

Cy #4 - Security

Cy #5 - Admin

Cy #6 - Contract

Cy #7 - Ops subj.

Cy #8 - Admin chrono

Cy #9 - Ops chrono

Cy #10 - Admin reading